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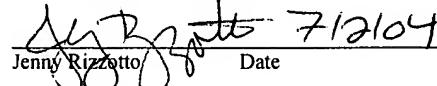
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed June 18, 2004, for the patent application identified above entitled CONTROLLED RELEASE FORMULATION OF DIVALPROEX SODIUM, enclosed are the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment (4 pages); and
2. Return Receipt Postcard

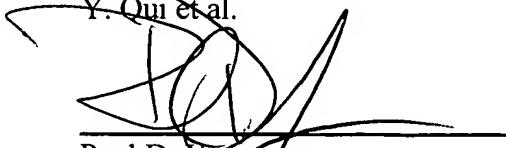
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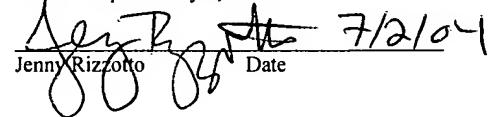
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Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

The following is a preliminary amendment to the above case.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this amendment

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this amendment.